Kothagudem Thermal Power Station

956. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether techno-economic clearance and coal linkages have been given to 2x250 M. W. Kothagudem Thermal Power Station in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) The proposal for installation of Kothagudem Thermal power Station Stage V (2X250 MW) of Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board has been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority at an estimated cost of Rs. 1890 crores subject to the following conditions:

(i) Confirmation of coal linkage by Standing Linkage Committee.

(ii) Utilisation of fly ash as per stipulations of the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

The Standing Linkage Committee, Ministry of Coal, have confirmed coal linkage envisaging supply of coal by M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.

Restructuring the Management of National Hydro-Electric Power Corporation

957. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for restructuring the management of the National Hydro Electric Power Corporation (NHPC) Ltd.;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) to what extent it would increase the efficiency of NHPC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) At present there is no proposal under consideration of the Govt. to restructure the management of NHPC.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Ailing Power Plants of Bihar and Orissa SEBs

958. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor financial health of the Bihar and Orissa State Electricity Boards and the refusal of the international power equipment manufacturing companies and BHEL to modernise their ailing power plants on build, operate and transfer basis;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to come to the rescue of the SEBs of Bihar & Orissa; and

(c) if so, what steps are contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) For conducting a study aimed at improving the performance of the power sector in Orissa the World Bank has sanctioned an amount of US $ 2 million for restructuring the electricity industry in the State of Orissa using funds under the project Preparation Facility of the Bank. On the basis of a request made by the Government of Bihar, the World Bank has been approached by the Central Government to support a similar study in respect of Bihar.

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959. **श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया:** क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नेपाल से आने वाली